

20. (Amended) A structure characterized by being constructed using the method as claimed in any one of claims 11 to 17.

50. (Amended) A liquid tank characterized by being constructed using the manufacture method as claimed in any one of claims 35-42 and 44-47.

51. (Amended) An ink jet apparatus characterized by comprising a negative-pressure generating mechanism that exerts negative pressure on a liquid tank as claimed in any one of claims 21, 22, 26, 27, 30 and 31 to introduce a liquid into the liquid tank.

60. (Amended) The ink jet apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 52, 56 characterized in that said gas-liquid separating element comprises PTFE.

62. (Amended) The ink jet apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 52, 56
characterized in that said liquid tank is stored ink or a treatment liquid that orients
property of the ink on a print medium.

71. (Amended) An ink jet apparatus characterized by being constructed using the manufacture method as claimed in any one of claims 63 to 68.

72. (Amended) A head cartridge characterized by comprising:
a liquid tank as claimed in any one of claims 21, 22, 26, 27, 30 and 31; and
a liquid ejecting head having an ejection opening that ejects a liquid
supplied by said liquid tank.

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73. (Amended) A head cartridge characterized by comprising a liquid ejecting head having an ejection opening that ejects a liquid supplied by a liquid tank as claimed in any one of claims 52 to 59.

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✓ 75. (Amended) An image forming apparatus characterized by comprising:
a carrying portion which a liquid tank as claimed in any one of claims 21, 22, 26, 27, 30 and 31 and liquid ejecting head having an ejection opening for ejecting a liquid supplied from the liquid tank are attachable; and
means for moving the liquid ejecting head with respect to the print medium.

76. (Amended) An image forming apparatus characterized by comprising:
a carrying portion which a liquid tank of an ink jet apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 52 to 59 and liquid ejecting head having an ejection opening for ejecting a liquid supplied from the liquid tank are attachable; and
means for relatively moving the liquid ejecting head to the print medium.

✓ 77. (Amended) An image forming apparatus characterized by comprising:
a carrying portion which a head cartridge as claimed in claim 72 is attachable; and
means for relatively moving the head cartridge to the print medium.

REMARKS

Claims 20, 50, 51, 60, 62, 71, 72, 73, and 75-77 have been amended to place those claims in proper multiply-dependent form and/or to correct minor grammatical